

MINUTES OF THE
WORK SESSION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON
March 5, 2007

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a regularly scheduled work session at the John Robert Kernodle Senior Activities Center on March 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Ross, Councilmembers Jones, Huffman, Starling and Wall.

Councilmembers absent: none

Harold Owen, City Manager, present

Robert M. Ward, City Attorney, present

Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk, present

Other Staff Present: Bob Harkrader, Jim Lauritsen, Linda Hollifield

Present for Wellness Presentation: Mary Pollok, Laura Aldrich, Dr. James Strickland, Aaron Noble, Sheila Traywick, Lisa Rich, Stuart Cozart, Angela Watkins, Dale Floyd, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) and Nancy Driscoll, BCBS.

Others Present: Tom, Bob and Ted Chandler, Chandler Concrete Company

Media Present: Tomas Murawski, Alamance News, and Bob Boyer, Times-News

- A) Tom Chandler (retired), Bob Chandler, Vice President, and Ted Chandler, President, explained that the company was started in 1946 by R. F. Kirkpatrick and was purchased in 1963 by Tom Chandler. Chandler Concrete has seven facilities in Alamance County, 86 employees in Burlington. Total payroll and benefits in Burlington for 2006 was \$5,019,000 and property taxes paid Burlington/Alamance County in 2006 was \$53,858. Core products are ready mixed concrete, masonry and hardscape products and building supply products.

Bob Chandler stated that the company's biggest challenge is foreign companies but that Chandler Concrete is proof that local companies can survive. The Chandlers expressed appreciation to the City Council and City staff for their support.

B) Occupational Health and Wellness

City Manager Owen said that health insurance is the second largest item in the City Budget, second only to the Police Department.

Aaron Noble said that with the passage of the 2006-07 Budget, the transition was made from Med Cost to Blue Cross Blue Shield and that Dr. Strickland's hours were increased from 16-20 hours per week.

Mary Pollok and Laura Aldrich described wellness opportunities that are being offered to City employees to improve their life styles.

Dr. Strickland and Sheila Traywick discussed programs to address decreasing health risks of employees.

Angela Watkins, Lisa Rich and Stuart Cozart, City employees, gave personal success stories that resulted from working with and encouragement from the Occupational Health Department.

C) Annexations

Bob Harkrader reviewed four voluntary annexation petitions and asked the City Council to set a date at its March 20 meeting for public hearings to be held on April 3, 2007. The annexations include The Glenn Apartments, Burlington Station, The Windsor Apartments and The Waterfalls Townhomes.

The consensus was to proceed with the annexation hearings.

D) Potential Legislative Agenda

City Manager Owen said that the Chamber of Commerce would like input from the City Council concerning a legislative agenda prior to going to Raleigh.

Mayor Ross reviewed the City's potential 2007-08 Advocacy Agenda.

Mr. Owen asked for an endorsement from the Council and the consensus was to add the 2007-08 Advocacy Agenda to the March 7, 2007, City Council Agenda.

E) City Manager Comments

Councilmembers agreed on the following schedule changes for July - December 2007, and instructed the City Clerk to add the changes to the March 7, 2007, City Council Agenda.

- Cancel July 3, 2007, City Council Meeting
- Reschedule July 2, 2007, work session to July 16, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
- Change July 17, 2007, City Council meeting time to 7:30 p.m.
- Reschedule the September 3, 2006, work session to September 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
- Change the October 16, 2007, City Council meeting time to 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Starling, it was resolved unanimously to adjourn.

Jondeen D. Terry
City Clerk